

**EXTENSION AND AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF PERU
CONCERNING THE IMPOSITION OF IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON
ARCHAEOLOGICAL MATERIAL FROM THE PREHISPANIC CULTURES
AND CERTAIN ETHNOLOGICAL MATERIAL FROM THE COLONIAL PERIOD OF PERU**

DIPLOMATIC NOTE

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Peru and has the honor to refer to the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Peru Concerning the Imposition of Import Restrictions on Archaeological Material from the Prehispanic Cultures and Certain Ethnological Material from the Colonial Period of Peru done at Washington June 9, 1997 (hereinafter referred to as the "MOU").

The Embassy proposes that, pursuant to Article IV A of the MOU, the MOU be extended for an additional five-year period from June 9, 2002.

The Embassy proposes further that, pursuant to Article IV B of the MOU, the MOU be amended by replacing Article II D and H as follows:

D. The Government of Peru will use its best efforts to permit the exchange of its archaeological and ethnological materials under circumstances in which such exchange does not jeopardize its cultural patrimony, such as temporary loans for exhibition purposes and study abroad, and to expedite procedures for the export of samples for scientific research. The Government of Peru will also consider granting long-term loans of objects of archaeological or ethnological interest for exhibit or study at museums and academic institutions in the United States.

H. The Government of Peru will use its best efforts to carry out the legal reforms necessary to improve further the protection of its archaeological and ethnological cultural patrimony, as well as provide the means to enforce the laws and regulations guiding the protection of cultural property.

If the foregoing proposals are acceptable to the Government of Peru, the Embassy of the United States of America proposes that this note, and the Ministry's affirmative note in reply, shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments, which shall enter into force on the date of your note in reply and shall be effective from June 9, 2002.

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs assurance of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America,

Lima, March 22, 2002